Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this document, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this document.



HSBC Holdings plc

Overseas Regulatory Announcement

The attached announcement has been released to the other stock exchanges on which HSBC Holdings plc is listed.

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement comprises: Mark Tucker*, Noel Quinn, Rachel Duan†, Carolyn Julie Fairbairn†, James Anthony Forese†, Steven Guggenheimer†, Irene Lee†, José Antonio Meade Kuribreña†, Eileen K Murray†, David Nish†, Ewen Stevenson, Jackson Tai† and Pauline van der Meer Mohr†.

- * Non-executive Group Chairman
- † Independent non-executive Director

Hong Kong Stock Code: 5



22 November 2021

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC ISSUANCE OF SENIOR UNSECURED NOTES

HSBC Holdings plc has today issued US\$1,250,000,000 1.162% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Senior Unsecured Notes due 2024 (the '2024 Notes'), US\$2,500,000,000 2.251% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Senior Unsecured Notes due 2027 (the '2027 Notes'), US\$1,750,000,000 2.871% Fixed Rate/Floating Rate Senior Unsecured Notes due 2032 (the '2032 Notes') and US\$500,000,000 Floating Rate Senior Unsecured Notes due 2024 (the 'Floating Rate Notes' and, together with the 2024 Notes, the 2027 Notes, the 2032 Notes, the 'Notes') pursuant to an indenture dated 26 August 2009 (as amended or supplemented from time to time and as most recently amended and supplemented by a twenty-third supplemental indenture dated 22 November 2021).

Application will be made to list the Notes on the New York Stock Exchange.

ends/more

Investor enquiries to:

Greg Case +44 (0) 20 7992 3825 investorrelations@hsbc.com

Media enquiries to:

Ankit Patel +44 (0) 20 7991 9813 ankit.patel@hsbc.com

Disclaimers

The offering was made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form F-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the 'SEC'). The offering was made solely by means of a prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus which have been filed with the SEC. You may obtain these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov or by writing or telephoning us at either of the following addresses:

Group Company Secretary HSBC Holdings plc 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ United Kingdom Tel: +44 20 7991 8888

HSBC Holdings plc c/o HSBC Bank USA, National Association 452 Fifth Avenue New York, New York, 10018 Attn: Company Secretary Tel: +1 212 525 5000

The distribution of this announcement in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this announcement comes are required to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

This announcement does not constitute an offer or an invitation to subscribe or purchase any of the Securities. No action has been taken in any jurisdiction to permit a public offering of the Securities where such action is required other than in the US. The offer and sale of the Securities may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions.

more

Issuance of senior unsecured notes/2

This document is for distribution only to persons who (i) have professional experience in matters relating to investments and who fall within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (as amended, the 'Financial Promotion Order'), (ii) are persons falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) ('high net worth companies, unincorporated associations etc.') of the Financial Promotion Order, (iii) are outside the United Kingdom ('UK'), or (iv) are persons to whom an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ('FSMA') in connection with the issue or sale of any securities may otherwise lawfully be communicated or caused to be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This document is directed only at relevant persons and must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not relevant persons. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available only to relevant persons and will be engaged in only with relevant persons.

EU PRIIPs REGULATION/PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS. The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ('EEA'). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, 'MiFID II'); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (the 'IDD'), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the 'EU PRIIPs Regulation') for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.

UK PRIIPS REGULATION—PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS. The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the UK. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended (the 'EUWA'); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by the Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the 'UK PRIIPs Regulation') for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

For and on behalf of **HSBC Holdings plc Aileen Taylor** *Group Company Secretary and Chief Governance Officer*

Notes to editors:

1. HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The HSBC Group serves customers worldwide from offices in 64 countries and territories in its geographical regions: Europe, Asia, North America, Latin America, and Middle East and North Africa. With assets of US\$2,969bn at 30 September 2021, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

2. The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement is: Mark Tucker*, Noel Quinn, James Anthony Forese[†], Steven Guggenheimer[†], Irene Lee[†], José Antonio Meade Kuribreña[†], Eileen K Murray[†], David Nish[†], Ewen Stevenson, Jackson Tai[†], Pauline van der Meer Mohr[†], Rachel Duan[†], Dame Carolyn Fairbairn[†] and Aileen Taylor.

^{*} Non-executive Group Chairman

[†] Independent non-executive Director